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MILWAUKEE – County Executive Walker has raised a Blue Star Flag at the courthouse, honoring county employees who are currently actively deployed in our military. The flag is similar to the banners traditionally flown in windows of homes where a family member is a member of the US military during a time of war.

"By this gesture, we are showing support for our employees serving in the military and demonstrating our great pride in their service to our country," said Walker.

Also known as a Service Flag, the blue star stands for hope and pride. Families replace the blue star with a gold star when a service member has died, the gold representing sacrifice to the cause of liberty and freedom. Organizations also display the Service Flag to honor members of their organization serving in the Armed Forces during a period of war or hostilities. These flags were first used in World War I, with subsequent standardization and codification by the end of World War II.

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